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matter in view of the latest development and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Plan and estimates for the construction of CGHS dispensary building at Gurgaon have been prepared. However, allotment of funds for construction depends on availability of resources and *inter-se* priorities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

Research on turmeric

†2674. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether international level research on turmeric resulted in increase of its demand all over the world;

(b) if so, the steps taken to aware public in India admit the use and benefits of turmeric; and

(c) the details of the research made on turmeric in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Medicinal properties of Turmeric are recognized all over the world. In India, turmeric is used as a home remedy for wound healing and as an anti-allergic and anti-inflammatory agent. Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha and the Indian Council of Medical Research have carried out research on turmeric for its wound healing, anti-allergic and anti cancerous properties.

The important formulations of turmeric are Haridra Khanda, Vrana Sodhana Tailam, Nisamalaki, Haridradidhuma vati etc.

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